

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-20 (Canceled)

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) A process of manufacturing a hollow body for receiving a liquid, comprising the steps of:

extruding a parison;

cutting through said parison so as to form two portions separated by a cut; and

molding said two portions so as to form said hollow body for receiving said liquid,

wherein said step of cutting said parison comprises making at least two cuts in said parison so as to form two separate sheets.

Claim 22. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 21, wherein said hollow body is a tank and said liquid is a fuel.

Claim 23. (Canceled)

Claim 24. (Canceled)

Claim 25. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 21, wherein said step of molding comprises:

pinching surfaces of said parison, and

hot fusion welding said surfaces.

Claim 26. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 21, wherein said step of cutting is performed along a longitudinal direction.

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 21, wherein said step of extruding said parison comprises passing a composition of at least one thermoplastic melt through a die.

Claim 28. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 21, further comprising a step of cutting said parison in a transverse direction thereby obtaining a plurality of parisons.

Claim 29. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 21, wherein said step of molding comprises a step of holding apart said two portions of said parison and a subsequent step of bringing said two portions together.

Claim 30. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 29, further comprising a step of inserting an object in said parison during said step of holding apart said two portions.

Claim 31. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 30, wherein said object is a preassembled structure.

Claim 32. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 31, wherein said preassembled structure is configured to anchor to an internal wall of said hollow body.

Claim 33. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 30, further comprising a step of controlling a position of said object with members, said members being coupled to said object and extending outside said parison while said object is inside said parison.

Claim 34. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 33, wherein said members melt during said molding step.

Claim 35. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 21, wherein said step of molding comprises a step of blowing gas within said parison, and a step of welding said two portions together.

Claim 36. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 21, wherein said step of molding comprises a step of bringing said two portions together and a step of welding said two portions together so as to form a joint leak-tight to said liquid.

Claim 37. (Currently Amended) A process of manufacturing a hollow body, comprising the steps of:

extruding a multilayered parison comprising stacked layers fastened to each other;

cutting through said multilayered parison so as to form two portions separated by a cut; and

molding said two portions so as to form said hollow body,

wherein said step of cutting said multilayered parison comprises making at least two cuts in said multilayered parison so as to form two separate sheets.

Claim 38. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 37, wherein said hollow body is a fuel tank.

Claim 39. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 37, wherein said multilayered parison comprises at least one layer of a thermoplastic.

Claim 40. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 37, wherein said multilayered parison comprises at least one layer of polyethylene.

Claim 41. (Canceled)

Claim 42. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 37, wherein said step of molding comprises:

pinching surfaces of said parison, and
hot fusion welding said surfaces.

Claim 43. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 37, wherein said step of cutting is performed along a longitudinal direction.

Claim 44. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 37, wherein said step of extruding said multilayered parison comprises passing a composition of at least one thermoplastic melt through a die.

Claim 45. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 37, further comprising a step of cutting said parison in a transverse direction thereby obtaining a plurality of parisons.

Claim 46. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 37, wherein said step of molding comprises a step of holding apart said two portions of said parison and a subsequent step of bringing said two portions together.

Claim 47. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 46, further comprising a step of inserting an object in said parison during said step of holding apart said two portions.

Claim 48. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 47, wherein said object is a preassembled structure.

Claim 49. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 48, wherein said preassembled structure is configured to anchor to an internal wall of said hollow body.

Claim 50. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 47, further comprising a step of controlling a position of said object with members, said members being coupled to said object and extending outside said parison while said object is inside said parison.

Claim 51. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 50, wherein said members melt during said molding step.

Claim 52. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 37, wherein said step of molding comprises a step of blowing gas within said parison, and a step of welding said two portions together.

Claim 53. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 37, wherein said step of molding comprises a step of bringing said two portions together and a step of welding said two portions together so as to form a leak-tight joint.

Claim 54. (Currently Amended) A process of manufacturing a fuel tank, comprising the steps of:

extruding a parison;

cutting through said parison so as to form two portions separated by a cut; and

molding said two portions so as to form said fuel tank,

wherein said step of cutting said parison comprises making at least two cuts in said parison so as to form two separate sheets.

Claim 55. (Canceled)

Claim 56. (Canceled)

Claim 57. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 54, further comprising a step of positioning fuel tank accessories between said two portions prior to a step of bringing said two portions together.

Claim 58. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 54, wherein said step of molding comprises:

pinching surfaces of said parison, and

hot fusion welding said surfaces.

Claim 59. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 54, wherein said step of cutting is performed along a longitudinal direction.

Claim 60. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 54, wherein said step of extruding said parison comprises passing a composition of at least one thermoplastic melt through a die.

Claim 61. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 54, further comprising a step of cutting said parison in a transverse direction thereby obtaining a plurality of parisons.

Claim 62. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 54, wherein said step of molding comprises a step of holding apart said two portions of said parison and a subsequent step of bringing said two portions together.

Claim 63. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 62, further comprising a step of inserting an object in said parison during said step of holding apart said two portions.

Claim 64. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 63, wherein said object is a preassembled structure.

Claim 65. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 64, wherein said preassembled structure is configured to anchor to an internal wall of said ~~hollow-body~~ fuel tank.

Claim 66. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 63, further comprising a step of controlling a position of said object with members, said members being coupled to said object and extending outside said parison while said object is inside said parison.

Claim 67. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 66, wherein said members melt during said molding step.

Claim 68. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 54, wherein said step of molding comprises a step of blowing gas within said parison, and a step of welding said two portions together.

Claim 69. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 54, wherein said step of molding comprises a step of bringing said two portions together and a step of welding said two portions together so as to form a leak-tight joint.

Claim 70. (New) The process of Claim 21, further comprising a step of guiding said sheets with a guiding device.